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IN THE NEWS THIS MORNING

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Topic A

CHANGE OF COMMAND. President Johnson chose a new director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA): Retired Vice-Admiral William F. Raborn jr., 59, who helped develop the Polaris missile. He succeeds John A. McCone, West Coast industrialist returning to private life. The President's choice was a surprise in Washington. Raborn's name had not been mentioned in speculation.

CIA Getting New Boss: An Admiral

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JOHNSON CITY, Tex.

President Johnson yesterday named retired Navy Vice-Adm. William Francis Raborn jr.—the man who developed the Navy's Polaris missile system—as the new director of the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

Adm. Raborn, 59, will succeed John A. McCone as the man in charge of all U. S. intelligence activity. He will assume his duties as soon as the Senate confirms the appointment.

Mr. Johnson announced the shift yesterday afternoon, moments after he had signed into law the Administration's new \$1.3 billion education bill in the yard outside the one-room school he attended as a boy.

At the same time, he announced that Richard Helms, 52, currently the Deputy CIA Director for Plans, will succeed Lt. Gen. Marshall Carter as CIA Deputy Director.

It had been known for some time that Mr. McCone was seeking retirement from the intelligence post and that the President was giving serious attention to the replacement.

Adm. Raborn currently is vice-president for program management of the Aerojet General Corp., a gigantic California builder of missiles and missile engines.

His unexplained appearance as a guest at the LBJ Ranch this weekend had given rise to speculation that the President was about to name him to the CIO post.

There was further speculation that Mr. Johnson made the announcement sooner than he would have liked as result of a CBS radio news report earlier yesterday that the move was imminent.

At the school house yesterday, Mr. Johnson signed his education bill, spent a few moments shaking hands with old friends and classmates, then summoned reporters to

"During the last few days, I have spent some time working on appointments of great importance to our country," he said. Then, flanked by Adm. Raborn and Mr. Helms, he announced their appointments to two of the most sensitive, important posts within the executive branch of government.

THE SEARCH

The Herald Tribune reported on Dec. 2 that Mr. McCone was leaving the government. The search for a replacement has been on at least since then, and in this search the President has been advised by Clark Clifford, a Washington attorney and chief of the Foreign Intelligence advisory board.

Many men are believed to have been screened, including Paul Nitze, Navy Secretary, former Deputy Defense Secretary Roswell L. Gilpatric, and even the Ambassador to South Viet Nam, Gen. Maxwell Taylor. However, in recent days Mr. Johnson was very close to a decision on the

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matter, let it be known quietly that the Ambassador was not going to get the job.

Adm. Raborn's appointment is bound to be the cause of some controversy. Under the law the CIA Director can be a military man, but in that case, his deputy must be a civilian. In the past there have been those who have charged that too many military figures are involved in CIA activities.

One of the most adamant of these critics by accident was present in the schoolyard yesterday when Mr. Johnson named his choice. He is Sen. Eugene McCarthy, D., Minn., who has made several speeches on the Senate floor on the subject.

The Senator, long a supporter of Federal aid to education, was invited to the education bill ceremony after Mr. Johnson learned that he was in Austin to speak at a University of Texas seminar on government.

The Senator had no comment on the appointment.

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